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ABSTRACT

- 2 The invention is directed broadly to microporous films prepared from immiscible blends of at least two
- 3 components, preferably polymers, which are produced via melt processing, a film formed therefrom, for
- example by extrusion and post-film-forming treatments comprising uniaxial or biaxial cold-stretching
- 5 and hot-stretching. The films have a three-dimensional reticulated or interconnected network of
- 6 microcracks or crazing throughout the film, extending from one surface of the film to the other,
- 7 providing a stable porosity and pore size useful for a variety of filtration and other applications.